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The E-Rate program has been a huge part of bringing internet access to almost every classroom in our district, and almost every classroom in America. In the last funding cycle, applications from schools and libraries requested a total of more than \$5 billion, which was approximately twice the amount of available funding. I respectfully urge the FCC to increase funding for the E-Rate program to at least \$5 billion to meet this demand. All students need access to high-speed broadband. Our nation's future depends on their success.